

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2013

TO: City Council

FROM: John Pietig, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Village Entrance Workshop November 12, 2013 - The City Council will hold a public workshop on Tuesday, November 12, starting at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The workshop will be televised for those interested in watching from home. The purpose of the workshop is for the City Council and the public to receive information about various options for the Village Entrance site, including some new options that may be possible due to the City's planned acquisition of the property at 725 Laguna Canyon Road. The workshop will be facilitated by Delia Horwitz who successfully facilitated a workshop in 2005 that resulted in relocation of the Corporation Yard to ACT V. Participants in the workshop should be prepared to provide input regarding goals for a future project and why those goals are important to the community.

1st Annual Flood Prevention Device Practice Installation Day - In an ongoing effort to assist with the implementation of the recently adopted Floodplain Management Ordinance, the Code Enforcement Division has notified the Laguna Beach property and business owners located in the flood hazard zone of the upcoming 1st Annual Flood Prevention Device Practice Installation Day. This is a voluntary educational emergency preparedness training event encouraged by FEMA. All persons employed to work in a business located within areas of special flood hazards are requested to be trained by the business owner on how to install the flood prevention devices and be provided a copy of the flood contingency measures plan. Each year on the last Monday in October, the business owner and employees are encouraged to practice installation of the flood prevention devices. Therefore, Monday, October 28, 2013 is designated as the 1st Annual Flood Prevention Device Practice Installation Day. (Attachment)

1993 Laguna Fire Remembrance - Sunday, October 27, 2013, will be twenty years since the City of Laguna Beach experienced a devastating fire that burned almost 400 homes in the City and in Emerald Bay. While there were no deaths and only a few minor injuries resulting from the fire; the impact on the community left a scar that is still visible today. The fire is still listed as one of the top ten most expensive wildland fires in the United States. On Saturday, October 26, members of the Laguna Beach Fire Department and the Orange County Fire Authority will be on site at the Farmer's Market to meet with residents and discuss how they can better prepare their home, so it is more likely to survive a future wildland fire.

Landscape and Scenic Highways General Plan Element Workshop - The Community Development Department will conduct a public workshop on Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. All members of the public are welcome to attend and provide input related to landscape and scenic highway issues. For more information, please visit our website at www.lagunabeachcity.net/LSHE.

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Artist Open Studios - Artist Open Studios will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants can catch a free shuttle service from the Act V parking lot, located at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road, and take advantage of free parking. Over 30 artists will be opening their studios, offering hands-on experiences and insights into their creative process. This is an opportunity to see artists working in a variety of media from glass blowing to bronze welding. This event is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

Animal Shelter Receives Large Donation - The Laguna Beach Animal Shelter received a rather large donation this week in the form of a check for \$227,250 from the Honey Lu Percy Trust Fund. Ms. Percy was a long-time friend of the shelter and had adopted several cats as far back as 1979.

Save the Date: Health Expo and Flu Shots - The Laguna Beach Community and Susi Q Center will hold its annual free Health Expo and Flu Shot Clinic on Friday, November 1, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Those ages 60 and above or at risk will be given priority for flu or pneumococcal vaccinations from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. This year's event will include over 30 vendors offering services such as blood pressure and hearing screenings, as well as various counseling sessions to help prepare you for winter and keep you on course for good health.

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